

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W. Second Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:

COMMENTS: Modified Gothic

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building, located on the south side of W. Second Street, is constructed in the Victorian/Gothic style. It has modified buttresses on the east and west sides of the exterior and on the west side of the front facade there is a bell tower with louvered belfry and a small, pyramidal spire. All brickwork is in common bond with lavish use of marble trim on buttress caps, finials, arches, and decorative bands.

The red brick exterior has a rather ornate, three bay, gabled facade. The two east and west bays are identical and have pointed arches, three panel double doors and inscribed, stained glass transoms. When the front entrances were altered by lowering the doors and removing the steps, solid wooden panels were added between the doors and transoms. The center bay is a large, Gothic window with traceried sash. This window was given by the United Brethren denomination when the church was built in 1900. The three names in this window are those of the first three Bishops: Martin Boehm, Otterbein, and Christian Newcomer. There are two very small windows on both the east side and the tower side of the building.

The west side of the building has two narrow bays in the tower. Both east and west sides of the church have six stained glass windows in the Gothic style of either biblical scenes or religious motifs and interesting ovals.

When the basement was remodeled, sidewalk vents were added on both sides of the building.

The interior has an apsidal floor plan. The interior walls are painted white contrasting with the exposed beams, Gothic framing.

Mel Newby 7/73

The building is approximately three bays wide and eight bays in depth, including the tower sections on the front corners. The left tower is two stories high and the right tower is of four stories.

This church has a steep slope "A" frame roof of asphalt tile. Side rooflines are decorated by four string bands of corbelled dentils. Side windows are paired by brick piers with marble-type caps. There is a rear education building extension to the rear constructed in 1926.

The building sets on a low fieldstone foundation.

The appearance of the front is enhanced by evergreen foundation plantings.

The sanctuary occupies the second floor with classrooms on the first.

Douglas M. Greene 4/75

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	Historic	

Datestone-1900

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church has a special significance because the United Brethren Denomination was founded in Frederick County in 1800 by Otterbein. It was organized in the Peter Kemp House. Prior to this date, Otterbein had served in this area in the Trinity Chapel of the Reformed Church.

In 1900, the United Brethren Denomination built this church. Because of the date, it was called Centennial Memorial. In the late 1960's, this denomination merged with the Methodist Church, and the name became the Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church.

The interior has remained as it was originally built. In 1927, an educational building was constructed behind the church on the site of an old church that had been taken down. This building is connected to the church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

MEL NEWBY AND DOUGLAS M. GREENE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

JULY 1973/DMG-4/75

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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